ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS **TEAM OFFICE OF CURRICULUM** AND STANDARDS **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Literacy Links

Coming Events:

- SCCTE Conference Greenville January 30-31, 2004 www.sccte.org
- SCIRA Conference Myrtle Beach February 19-21, 2004 Registration deadline is January 16, 2004 .www.scira.org
- SCMSA Conference Myrtle Beach March 5-6, 2004 www.scmsa.org

For information about these programs, please refer to the November issue of Literacy Links or check for updates in this issue. Past issues of Literacy Links can be found on the State Department's web page at www.myscschools.com.

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ELA Standards and Assessment 2004 Workshops

The Office of Curriculum and Standards and the PreK-2 administrator or teacher, and one grades 3-5 Office of Assessment are pleased to announce a administrator or teacher. series of one-day workshops on the various state Middle School—one person form the district office the Columbia Conference Center according to the in the district. following schedule:

Date **Topic** January 28, 2004 January 29, 2004 PACT. Grades 6-8 February 3, 2004 English I EOCEP February 18, 2004 SCRA, Grades PreK-2, and PACT, Grades 3-5

The Columbia Conference Center is located at 169 Laurelhurst Avenue off the Interstate I-26 Fernandina Road between St. Andrews Road and Piney Grove For your convenience, we will provide beverages Road.

Please note that these one-day workshops will take the place of the previously scheduled lanuary 2004 workshops for ELA Standards Implementation District Leadership Teams (DLT). In response to your requests for more information on the various state ELA assessments and their implications for instruction, we have decided to alter our original plan for professional development.

In general, the audience for each of the scheduled workshops is still the ELA standards Implementation DLT; however, there are some restrictions.

PreK-5—one person from district office, one grades by e-mail at cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

English language arts (ELA) assessments and the use and two administrators or teachers from grades 6-8. of those assessments to inform instruction. The High School—one person from district office and workshops will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at one administrator or teacher from each high school

> We will only accept one registration form from each district. The leader of the DLT should complete the form and submit it to Judy Redman per the instructions on the registration form by January 16, 2004. As with the other standards implementation professional development sessions, the DLT is expected to share the information it gathers at these workshops with other district staff. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

> during the morning registration and serve a boxed lunch. To ensure that we order only the food that is required, we will need an accurate participant count prior to the meetings. During the fall ELA standards implementation workshops, a number of DLTs registered participants that did not attend the workshops. This situation resulted in the loss of significant Department funds. During these tight budget times, it is imperative that we avoid this type of waste. Your cooperation in registering participants by the registration deadline and ensuring that they attend the workshops will be greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about this information, please contact Cathy Jones by phone at 803-734-0790 or

SCCTE 2004 Conference January 30, 31 in Greenville

The South Carolina Council of Media, and Film." Teachers of English 2004 Conference on January 30-31, 2004, at The conference guarantees an sidine and Image Grammar author promises to be the best ever.

"Bringing the Arts into the Lan- theorist Eliot Eisner, and academy the website at www.sccte.org. guage Arts: Enhancing Literacy and award-nominated filmmaker Ross Language Arts Instruction through Spears. Preconference workshop the Visual and Performing Arts, presenters, sponsored by the State

the Embassy Suites in Greenville outstanding list of featured guests, Harry Noden. including such internationally known speakers and artists as For more information about

Department of Education, will be media literacy expert David Con-

This year's conference theme is author Pat Conroy, education SCCTE and the conference, visit

Literacy Spot Award Winners Announced in Charleston

Congratulations to this year's Literacy Spot Award winner, Rosewood Elementary in York District Three.

The South Carolina Reading Recovery Advisory Council selected Rosewood Elementary for this coveted award based on its exemplary literacy program. The award, presented at the South Carolina Literacy Conference in Charleston, December 2003, recognizes schools that not only implement an outstanding Reading Recovery program for first graders, but also offer a balanced literacy program for all grades.

First developed in New Zealand, Reading Recovery is a program of one-on-one instruction for first graders who have weak reading skills. Students are served in daily 30-minute sessions until they are able to read at the average level of their classmates. Part of the program is intensive ongoing training and professional development for teachers.



at the Charleston Place Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, Teacher; Stephen Ward, principal; Gwen Kodad, associ-December 13 and 14, 2004.

and teacher leaders, SCRI, SC READS, SC Reading First, literacy Recovery Teacher Leader. coaches, administrators, and classroom teachers.



The third annual South Carolina Literacy Conference will be held Seated left to right: Judy Ferguson, Reading Recovery ate superintendent.

Standing left to right: Jackie Chumley, site coordinator; Conference participants will include Reading Recovery teachers Helen Taylor, program teacher; Polly Wingate, Reading

ELA Standards Best Practice Seminars

you listening? Teach me and I will!"

standards best practice seminar titled "Are listening. This session is only for PreK-5 0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us. educators.

Michael Opitz will conduct the second ELA that can be used to teach different levels of please contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-

The purpose of this session is to provide a A registration form for this session is at- for the remaining seminars will appear in rationale for teaching listening and to pro- tached at the end of this newsletter. If you Literacy Links the month prior to the semivide some specific teaching suggestions have any questions about the seminars, nar.

Session information and registration forms

Date	Presenter	Grade Bands	Location
February II, 2004	Michael Opitz	PreK-Grade 5	South Carolina History and Archives Center
March II, 2004	Frank Serafini	PreK-Grade 5	Columbia Conference Center
March 12, 2004	Frank Serafini	Grade 6-English 4	Columbia Conference Center
April 27, 2004	Georgia Heard	PreK-Grade 5	Columbia Conference Center
April 28, 2004	Georgia Heard	Grade 6-English 4	Columbia Conference Center

Today I will support efforts to enhance my profession so that the future for teachers is promising and attractive.

Framing Best Practice: English 1 Curriculum and Instruction

The English language arts team in the Of- development using a newly created cur- over the next few months. fice of Curriculum and Standards is riculum that is aligned to the SC ELA stanpleased to announce the teams that will dards for English I to help students pre- Although these six teams will work with participate in the English I Curriculum pare for the English I end-of-course the pilot program this year, the curricu-Project pilot. The participating teams are exam. Beginning with the 2004-2005 lum will be available to all English I teach-York 3, Northwestern High School; Lau- school year, the English I end-of-course ers for the 2004-2005 school year. Ridgeview High School; Lexington 2, Air- dent's final grade in English I. port High School; Georgetown, Waccamaw High School; and Laurens District This curriculum will be organized in the-55, Laurens 55 High School.

with members of the English language arts these frames so that the pilot teams can 803-734-2469 team and Dr. Janet Allen for professional test the strategies with their students wood@sde.state.sc.us

rens 56, Clinton High School; Richland 2, test will count for 20 percent of the stu-

matic frames that will address the English I standards. Dr. Janet Allen, national If you have any questions about this pro-

Professional development for those who would like to use the curriculum will be offered August 5 and 6, 2004.

These six teams will meet once a month literacy expert, is working to develop ject, please contact Allison Norwood at

Textbook Caravan Hits the Highway

On December 10, 2003, the State Board of Education approved timeline as other schools and will select from the six approved the Instructional Materials Review Panel recommendations for series. textbooks for the upcoming K-5 reading adoption. The series approved by the State Board are

Harcourt School Publishers Houghton Mifflin Reading Rigby Literacy Scott Foresman Reading Open Court Reading Wright Group Literacy

Each of these series meets the instructional material call and is an integrated language arts series which includes leveled texts. The instructional materials review criteria, as well as the 2002 January I3—Spartanburg English language arts curriculum standards and the five essential components of effective reading instruction as outlined by the January 15—Georgetown National Reading Panel (phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency), were used to evaluate these February 16-Beaufort series and others which were not recommended for approval.

Selections must be submitted to the State Department by April tact Pat Branham at 803-734-4326 or 2, 2004. Reading First schools will follow the same process and ham@sde.state.sc.us.

In order to provide schools and districts with as much information as possible to make an informed series selection, the 2004 Textbook Caravan began January 5, 2004. Publishers, State Department personnel, and RL Bryan personnel will travel the state over the next few weeks to assist with this process.

January 5—Columbia January 6—Charleston January 7—Florence January 9-Aiken January 10—Greenville January 14—Rock Hill January 16—Horry County

If you have any questions about the textbook caravan, contact Each school district will determine a process for series selection. Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us or con-

Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Deadline January 30, 2004

every year. This program of- April 23, 2004. fers twelfth grade students the cellence.

The SC Department of Educa- The deadline for this year's receiving the scholarships must lows: I-500, one entry; 501tion sponsors the Archibald competition is January 30, be United States citizens who 1500, two entries; 1501 +, Rutledge Scholarship Program 2004. The final competition is have attended South Carolina three entries.

The purpose of the competi- school are eligible to partici- lina college or university. tion is to encourage and recog- pate in the scholarship compepositions are not eligible for discipline, per school, and by ombudsman/arscholarship. this competition.

public schools for the past two years. The scholarships may be For more information, contact opportunity to compete for Twelfth grade students, who used for tuition, campus room Sallie

Students student enrollment is as fol-

Spade scholarships in drama, creative will graduate in the spring, and and board, and instructional sspade@sde.state.sc.us or writing, music, and visual arts. who are enrolled in public resources at any South Caro- Mary Kenyon Jones at mkrj@att.net. For applications, visit http:// nize academic and artistic ex- tition. Jointly produced com- The number of entries per www.myscschools.com/offices/

Media Literacy News

Summer Institutes/Courses Project Look Sharp

Summer Media Literacy Institute for K-12 educators July 12-16*, 2004 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Friday *with additional online component for graduate course credit July 19-30, 2004

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, critically evaluate and produce media in a variety of forms, including learning to use mass media wisely and effectively. Media include television, radio, film, newspapers, magazines, books, and the Internet. This five-day immersion will give teachers the knowledge, skills, and training to integrate media analysis and production into their curriculum.

Morning Media Literacy Class

Participants will be immersed in the theory and practice of media literacy in the K-12 classroom. Guest teachers will present models for using media analysis and production to support, deepen, and enliven core curricula though the teaching of critical thinking skills, understanding bias in visual representation, evaluating credibility. using instructional media effectively, having students produce media, and more.

Afternoon Media Production Training

During the afternoons participants will use video camcorders, microphones, and computers to shoot, edit, and complete short video projects of their own design. They will explore the integration of video and

The trainings will relate to the morning classes, encouraging curricular integration and student production.

Classroom Integration

Throughout the week participants will meet individually with a "coach" to develop and design a media literacy integration project for their classroom to implement Annenburg CPB Channel this coming school year. Over the subsequent school year, Project Look Sharp will provide follow-up support to participants including the creation of classroom material (handouts, slides, CDs, videos, etc.). Participants will present their media literacy integration projects at the spring media literacy symposium at Ithaca College or at a faculty meeting in their home school

Graduate Course Credit

Special Topics: Critical Thinking and Media Literacy Education (2 credits)

For the first time, the Summer Media Literacy Institute will include an option for graduate course credit through the graduate program in Communications at Ithaca College. Participants interested in the graduate credit option would register separately through Ithaca College and would continue their course participation after the conclusion of the weeklong institute for two additional weeks through an online component consisting of assigned readings and written assignments coupled with online discussion among course participants and faculty.

presentation programs like PowerPoint. Graduate students will be assigned a variety of reading beginning the week of the summer institute. The readings will include theoretical and review chapters from recent texts on media literacy, research reports from journals in related fields, and popular media articles relevant to the issues under discussion.

Engaging with Literature: A Workshop for Teachers, Grades 3-5

This is a nine-part pedagogy workshop for English language arts teachers. The series starts January 19, 2004, and runs through March 22, 2004. For more information, visit the series website www.learner.org/ resources/series 183.html.

Engaging with Literature: A Video Library, Grades 3-5

This is a nine-part teaching library for English/language arts teachers. The series starts January 19, 2004, and runs through February 2, 2004. For more information. visit the series website www.learner.org/ resources/series 183.html.

Kudos to Jean Power

The January 2004 issue of Access Learning (Cable in the Classroom's magazine), features Georgetown media specialist Jean Power, who does a tremendous job of correlating her school's film collection to state standards for media literacy.

You can read the article at http:// www.ciconline.org/AboutCIC/Publications/ accesslearning.htm.

EOCEP Testing Dates Window

Many districts have called concerning students who may miss the ary. End-of-Course (EOCEP) testing if they are absent all five days of the district's EOCEP testing window (e.g., the student has the flu All testing and make-up testing must be completed by January 23, or a death in the family).

should be extended to ten consecutive school days, five days for testing and five days for make-up testing. For example, if a district's testing window is December 10-16 and the student's last Please contact Lane Peeler at 803-734-8282 day before the holidays is December 19, the make-up window lpeeler@sde.state.sc.us if you have any questions. would be December 17-19 and the first two school days in Janu-

2004. January 23 is two days later than the last day of original EOCEP window. This extension allows a ten-day window for the In response to these concerns, the testing window for a district districts whose testing window is scheduled to begin on January

Today I will remember all the times I needed a second chance and someone gave it to me. Let me be so generous.

2004 High School and Middle School Best Practice Seminars

English (SCCTE) conference in January, the literacy. South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA) conference in February, Harry Noden, the celebrated author of conference can and the South Carolina Middle School Image Grammar, has taught eighth-grade www.scmsa.org. Association (SCMSA) conference in March. English language arts for 30 years at Hud-

SCCTE

2004. For conference information, visit The Reading Teacher, English Journal, and the SCCTE website at www.sccte.org.

David Considine coordinates the nation's only graduate degree program in SCIRA Media Literacy at Appalachian State Uni- This conference is at the Myrtle Beach versity. An Australian, he pioneered that Convention Center, February 19-21, 2003. nation's first media literacy program in The preconference sessions are February secondary education during the early 19, 2004. Visit www.scira.org for confer-1970s. His articles about media literacy ence information. and the curriculum, as well as the effect of Teri Lesesne media on children and youth, have been This preconference will explore ways in featured in numerous journals. Dr. Con- which teachers can help connect kids to sidine's textbooks include Visual Messages: books. Not only will we talk about moti-Integrating Imagery into Instruction, and Imag- vating readers, we will explain how to find

The remaining High School and Middle ing That: Developing Critical Thinking and appropriate books for each reader and School Best Practice seminars for this Viewing Through Children's Literature. He has then how to assess the reading so that school year, sponsored by the State De- served on the Board of Directors of the readers stay motivated. partment of Education, are scheduled as International Visual Literacy Association preconference sessions at state confer- and the National Telemedia Council. In SCMSA ences. The seminars will be held at the 1994 he was awarded the Jessie McCanse. This conference is also at the Myrtle Beach South Carolina Council of Teachers of award for individual contributions to media Convention Center. The dates are March

> Lessons to Share on Teaching Grammar in Context.

5-7, 2004, with the preconference on March 5, 2004. Information about this bе found

son Middle School in Ohio. In 1996, he Maureen Barbieri has taught middle was selected as Ohio's Outstanding Middle school students in New Hampshire, Ohio, This conference is at the Embassy Suites in School Language Arts Teacher by the Ohio and South Carolina. Since going to New Greenville, January 30-31, 2004. The pre- Council of Teachers of English Language York, she has been a staff developer in conference sessions will be January 29, Arts. Noden has contributed articles to District 2 and a divisional head at Marymount, an all girls' independent school. In addition to frequent consulting, she now teachers literacy courses in the department of Teaching and Learning at New York University's Seinhardt school of Education, where she co-directs the summer writing institutes. Her book, Sounds from the Heart: Learning to Listen to Girls, received the James N. Britton Award for Inquiry with the English Language Arts from the National Council of Teachers of English as well as the International Educator's Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma

South Carolina Reading First

Congratulations to the districts that have been selected to receive Florence I Reading First grants!

The grant application review has been completed after an exten- Lancaster sive process. All proposals were read and evaluated by three Laurens 56 readers and a thorough review of each budget was conducted. Lee Based on this review, the following 24 district proposals have met Marjon 2 or exceeded standards in each of the criteria and have been ap- Marjon 7 proved for funding and participation in the South Carolina Reading Newberry First (SCRF) initiative:

Aiken

Bamberg I

Bamberg 2

Beaufort

Charleston

Cherokee

Chester

Colleton

Darlington

Dillon 2

Dorchester 4

Fairfield

Florence 3

Hampton I

Richland I

Spartanburg 7

Williamsburg.

More specific information will be mailed to districts next week. In the interim, please be aware that there is a mandatory meeting of all project directors on January 21, 2004, at the Columbia Conference Center from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

If you have questions about this information, contact Pam Wills at 803-734-8391 or pwills@sde.state.sc.us.

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We accomplish this by:

- developing and revising academic standards and expanding support materials;
- promoting the use of effective evidence-based instructional practices by schools and districts; and
- facilitating the implementation of programs, projects, grants, and activities that support standards-based instruction

South Carolina Education Related Events and Conferences 2003-2004

(as of August 8, 2003)

JANUARY

9-11 SC Alliance of Black School Educators, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach

- 14-16 SCASA Elementary Principals Winter Conference, Sheraton, Columbia
- 21-23 SCASA Superintendents, Personnel, & Allied Administrators' Winter Conference, Embassy Suites, Columbia
- 30-31 SC Council for the Teachers of English Conference, Embassy Suites, Greenville

FEBRUARY

- 5-8 SC Music Educators In-Service Conference, TBA, Charleston
- 19-21 SC International Reading Association Conference, Convention Center, Myrtle Beach
- 20-21 SC Foreign Language Teachers Association Conference, Sheraton, Columbia
- 28-3/1 Environment and the Economy Institute, Charleston Harbor Resort, Charleston

MARCH

- 5-7 SC Middle School Association
 Annual Conference, Convention
 Center, Myrtle Beach
 - 19 Social Studies Coordinator's Meeting, TBA, Columbia
 - 26 Upstate Schools Consortium Leadership Series, Furman University, Greenville

APRIL

2 SC Geographic Bee, State Museum, Columbia

MAY

No meetings at this time

<u>JUNE</u>

- 14-18 SC Middle School Association Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville
- 20-25 SCASA Summer Leadership Institute, The Kingston Plantation,
 Myrtle Beach

Registration Form

English Language Arts Curriculum Standards Best Practice Seminars

Seminar 2: Are you Listening? Teach Me and I Will!

with Dr. Michael Opitz

February 11, 2004

The purpose of this session is to provide a rationale for teaching listening and to provide some specific teaching suggestions that can be used to teach different levels of listening.

This seminar is for teachers and administrators in prekindergarten through grade five ONLY.

Each district may send three people to this session. A waiting list will be started if all slots are not filled.

Instructions: To register for this seminar, please complete this form and mail it and a *check made payable to SCIRA for \$50.00* to Judy Redman at Post Office Box 10101, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731. Payment is due with registration. No purchase orders will be accepted. Participation will be on a first-come with check, first-served basis. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to registrants with directions and details for the seminar. Unless you receive a confirmation, do not consider yourself registered. If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at iredman@comporium.net. If you have any questions concerning the seminar, contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or cjones@sde.state.sc.us.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRTION IS JANUARY 19, 2004.

Please provide the following information.

Name	
Position	Grade
District	
School	
Mailing Address	
Telephone ()	Fax ()
E-mail	
Home Address	
Telephone ()_	Fax ()
F-mail	

Registration Form **ELA Curriculum Standards and Assessment Workshop Series**

Instructions: To register for the workshop series, complete one registration form per district and submit it by mail, fax, or e-mail no later than January 16, 2004, to the following address:

Judy Redman Fax: 803-329-1952
Post Office Box 10101 E-mail: jredman@comporium.net
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to each person whose name is listed on this registration form. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail from Ms. Redman, do not consider yourself registered. If you have any questions concerning your registration, please contact Judy Redman at iredman@comporium.net. If you have any questions concerning the workshops contact Cathy Jones at 803-734-0790 or ciones@sde.state.sc.us.

District	
District Contact	
E-mail	

□ January 28, 2004
 HSAP, Grades 9-12

Each district may register 1 district office staff member and 1 representative from each district high school to attend this workshop.

	<u> </u>
District Office Representative	
Position	
E-mail	
High School Representative	
High School	
Position	
E-mail	
High School Representative	
High School	
Position	
E-mail	

(If your district has more than 1 high school, simply key in the name of a representative from each high school by adding more rows to the table.)

□ January 29, 2004 PACT, Grades 6-8

Each district may register 3 people only to attend this workshop.

District Office Representative	
Position	
E-mail	
Grade 6-8 Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	
Grade 6-8 Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	

□ February 3, 2004 English I EOCEP

Each district may register 1 district office staff member and 1 representative from each district high school to attend this workshop.

District Office Representative	
Position	
E-mail	
High School Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	
High School Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	

(If your district has more than 1 high school, simply key in the name of a representative from each high school by adding more rows to the table.)

□ February 18, 2004 SCRA, Grades PreK–2 and PACT, Grades 3–5

Each district may register 3 people only to attend this workshop.

District Office Representative	
Position	
E-mail	
Grades PreK-2 Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	
Grades 3–5 Representative	
School	
Position	
E-mail	